

## GODPARENT/SPONSOR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Child's/Catechumen's/Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE READ THESE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SIGNING

Canon 872, 873 and 874 of the *Code of Canon Law* lists requirements for the valid and lawful sponsorship of a child/catechumen/candidate:

- *The godparent's/sponsor's role is to present the child/catechumen/candidate for the sacrament(s) and help him/her to live a life befitting a baptized Catholic Christian.*
- **RCIA/Confirmation: The sponsor may be male or female but there may be only one sponsor.**
- **Baptism Only: The sponsor/godparent may be one male or one female or one of each.**

As a Godfather/Godmother:

**Yes No** I am at least 16 years of age and mature enough to undertake this responsibility.

**Yes No** I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**Yes No** I know the fundamental truths of the Faith and am a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, receives the sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of my family.

**Yes No** I am a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. This indicates that Catholics publicly living in an invalid marriage (not married in a Catholic Church or the marriage preparation was not done by a priest or deacon), and those who are co-habiting (living together without marriage) **are ineligible**.

**Yes No** I am not the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

*Being a godparent/sponsor is not just an honor given to a good friend or relative. It implies a real appreciation of the Catholic faith, a practice of the same, and a sense of responsibility toward the child/catechumen/candidate.*

**I declare that I am a registered and participating member of the parish listed below and I fulfill the requirements of Canon Law (listed above) to be a godparent/sponsor. I promise that I intend to faithfully assist the child/catechumen/candidate to live the Catholic faith and lead a Christian life.**

Sponsor's Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

### **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GODPARENT'S/SPONSOR'S PASTOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE**

I certify that the above information is correct and that the person may serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism.

SIGNATURE OF PASTOR (or Delegate) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Parish Seal)